

**County Council Meeting**  
**February 20, 2013**

**Present:** Jack Kroeger, Bill Spaetti, Blake Bunner, Jim Seiler, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Attorney Eric Ayer, Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:00 P.M.

**Minutes**

**Minutes from October 8, 2012**

Motion to approve the minutes from October 8, 2012 was made by Spaetti. Kress seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Minutes from January 2, 2013**

Bunner made a motion to approve the minutes from January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Knepper seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Minutes from January 15, 2013**

Kroeger asked for the abbreviation SC to be changed to Spencer County. Winsett asked to have the remark made by Kroeger concerning the YCC Board removed. Winsett said with those corrections he would make a motion to approve the minutes from January 15<sup>th</sup>. Kress seconded the motion, motion passed.

**YCC Board**

Ben Duttlinger, Chairman of the YCC Building Committee and Aaron Benton, President of the 4-H Association and member of the building committee introduced themselves to the Council. Benton said that he wanted to thank the Council for their support in the past. He explained that they were trying to build a new community center at the 4-H fair grounds. Almost every night we have something going on in that building, non-profits use the building at no charge. The new building will be a state of the art, energy efficient, and user friendly building when completed. We are asking for a one time appropriation of \$550,000. Kroeger said that the Council has all along been very supportive of this project. His feeling was to give an upfront donation, and then you take care of it after that. Kroeger said we need to make a determination of what the county in total can afford to give you upfront; that would for me include any amount we might be able to give you from AK Steel Funds. The Redevelopment Commission and the Commissioners have both agreed to give \$120,000, even if we asked for more from AK Steel Funds we would have to use some COIT money. Spaetti said we don't have as much in AK Steel Funds as we thought; even though the Redevelopment Commission and the Commissioners have both agreed on \$120,000 the Council has never agreed to that amount. Maybe we could take a little more from the AK Steel Funds and then the rest from COIT. If the Rebel property is still a viable option we would like to have something in writing so that years down the road if we need that property, we will be assured that it will be there, before we do anything. Duttlinger said they could get something drawn up to that effect. Benton said it would be a win win situation for them to get the money upfront because the banks want as much money upfront to get the best deal possible.

Bunner said he would like to see the Council come to a consensus so the YCC can move on with their project; felt the money could come from AK Steel and COIT Funds and we could come pretty close to the \$550,000 they need. Winsett stated he would certainly like to help, but not knowing what tomorrow might bring he would feel better giving \$100,000 a year for 5 years. Benton explained that the biggest drawback to Winsett's suggestion would be the interest they would be paying, that's why they ask for the money up front. Kress asked how they were coming on donations, Duttlinger responded that they have \$120,000 and a few other verbal commitments. Kroeger said that once businesses in the county see that the Council is going to help they should want to support the project. Kroeger then stated that just so the public knows, in addition to whatever we give upfront you also receive at today's levy an additional \$70,000 which you would receive whether you build a new building or not. Spaetti asked if once the building is built and the Extension office moves out there are they going to come back and ask for utilities in their budget. Duttlinger responded that if it isn't in their budget now they won't be asking for it in the future.

Spaetti made a motion to advertise \$300,000 from COIT and \$275,000 from AK Steel Funds for use on the new community center. Winsett seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Melissa Brockman-Visitor Bureau**

Brockman presented the annual report from the Visitors Bureau. She said there had been a 72% increase in the Website traffic and the innkeeper's tax paid to the county for 2012 was up by 8%

Publicity was very good, the travel channel was there in July because Santa Claus was one of the most fun towns finalist and they came back in December to film. Brockman also reported that the E-Newsletter has grown over 54% from the previous year. Kroeger thanked Brockman for all the work she does.

**Additional Appropriations-Readvertised Annual Appropriations**

Accident Report	\$5,719.
Sexual& Violent Offender	\$1,516.

Spaetti made a motion to approve the correct amounts \$5,719 for Accident Report and \$1,516 for Sexual & Violent Offender. Bunner seconded the motion, motion passed.

**County General**

Inmate Housing                \$50,000

David Gogel said this is all court ordered we just get the bills, we need to find some solution to this because it is really getting out of hand, at the rate we're going we will end up spending \$200,000 this year. Ayer suggested talking to Perry County about what they are doing in that area. Kress made a motion to approve the \$50,000. Knepper seconded the motion, motion passed.

**CEDIT Construction**

2013 Paving Projects, Improvements, Maintenance and Striping                \$2,000,000

Tara Lloyd presented her 2013 CEDIT work plan, she explained that she is asking for \$2,000,000, but she wasn't sure that she would use the entire amount. In 2012 she used a little over the \$2,000,000 that was originally appropriated and had to come back and ask for more. Bunner made a motion to approve the \$2,000,000 in full. Winsett seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Appropriation Only**

Statewide 911/AT&T installation contract                \$30,000.

Spaetti made a motion to approve the \$30,000. Kress seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Resolution Expending AK Steel Monies**

Two invoices, one from HJ Umbaugh for \$5,500 and one from Ice Miller LLC for \$64,397.98. Kress made a motion to approve both amounts in full. Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Old Business**

Roberts Rules of Order Modified

Ayer stated that the 11<sup>th</sup> edition gives the President the power to make a motion and vote. That would be the only change in how your meetings are conducted operating under Roberts Rules of Order Modified. It would also give you a reference point if a question would ever come up. Spaetti made a motion to approve Roberts Rules of Order Modified. Knepper seconded the motion, motion passed with Seiler, Kroeger, Bunner and Spaetti voting in favor. Kress and Winsett opposed.

**Fertilizer Plant**

Ayer explained that when the Public Hearing on the Fertilizer plant was advertised all the information wasn't attached; so there was no information available in the Auditor's Office prior to the meeting date. They are still in the process of getting everything together and will get back with us. Kroeger asked to put Ohio Valley in the minutes of the public hearing.

**New Business**

Ayer said that in 2010 Sceptre Mechanical had come to the Council and asked for approval of an abatement of both real estate and equipment they were putting into their plant. That was approved by the Council under Resolution 2010-01. It has come to our attention that the real estate was actually owned by Wanda and Mickey Toler at the time the application was filed. In order to be in compliance with the statute, there is a wavier provision in the statute that would allow him to correct that and his application would remain the same. He has now filed the real estate under Sceptre Mechanical LLC. He didn't get the abatement last year and you had approved that in 2010, six (6) year abatement on the real estate and five (5) year abatement on the equipment. If the Council is willing Ayer said he would do a waiver for their consideration and then the statements going out this year would reflect the abatements for 2013. His credits of six years on real estate and five years for equipment would both start in 2013. Toler said that when they originally started, he was projecting 27 employees, at their highest point they employed 99, at present they are at 60 full time with a payroll of approximately 3 million dollars. Kroeger told Ayer to go ahead and prepare the wavier, but he would need to talk to Sara Arnold about when the abatements would start.

Winsett made a motion to adjourn. Kress seconded the motion, motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

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